
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION
OF BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION AND COUNTY OF HAWAII TO
WORK TOGETHER TO IDENTIFY AND PURSUE THE BEST PLAN OF
ACTION TO ADDRESS ISSUES AT KAHALU'U BEACH PARK ON HAWAII
ISLAND.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources
2 Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation aims to preserve the
3 State's natural and cultural resources while ensuring public
4 access to state waters and enhancing the ocean experience; and
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6 WHEREAS, one of the Division of Boating and Ocean
7 Recreation's goals is to generate revenue in support of the
8 Division's programs, operations, and maintenance; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation
11 issues commercial use permits for activity in state ocean
12 waters, among other revocable permits; and
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14 WHEREAS, the County of Hawai'i manages the beach and
15 shoreline at Kahalu'u Beach Park in North Kona, Hawai'i island,
16 which has gray sand and a rocky shoreline; and
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18 WHEREAS, commercial activity on the beach and shoreline at
19 Kahalu'u Beach Park requires a permit from the County of Hawai'i
20 Department of Parks and Recreation; and
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22 WHEREAS, commercial activity in state waters near Kahalu'u
23 Beach Park requires a permit from the Division of Boating and
24 Ocean Recreation; and
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26 WHEREAS, the processes for issuing commercial use permits
27 for state waters and the beach and shoreline at Kahalu'u Beach



1 Park are incongruent and could be streamlined to be more
2 efficient; and
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4 WHEREAS, cooperation between the Division of Boating and
5 Ocean Recreation and the County of Hawai'i can help improve and
6 streamline the state waters and beach and shoreline commercial
7 use permit processes for Kahalu'u Beach Park; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
10 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of
11 Representatives concurring, that the Division of Boating and
12 Ocean Recreation and County of Hawai'i are requested to
13 collaborate to identify and pursue the best plan of action
14 moving forward, given adjacent jurisdictions of the County and
15 State at Kahalu'u Bay, to meet county and state interests in
16 supporting a balanced solution for community and business to
17 address issues of overcrowding and safety; improving,
18 identifying, and protecting native Hawaiian rights and customary
19 and traditional practices; and streamlining the state waters and
20 beach and shoreline commercial use permit processes for Kahalu'u
21 Beach Park; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Division of Boating and
24 Ocean Recreation and County of Hawai'i are requested to submit a
25 report of their progress and recommendations, including any
26 proposed legislation, regarding the plan of action to the
27 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
28 the Regular Session of 2020; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
32 Board of Land and Natural Resources, Administrator of the
33 Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation of the Department of
34 Land and Natural Resources, and Mayor of the County of Hawai'i.

